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RE: Application No. 10/710,801

Dear Examiner Martin,

This fax includes a revised amended response for the first Office Action regarding application dated 5/18/2007. The original has been sent today by Express Mail with a petition for the 3 month late fee.

This amended response corrects errors in new claims (60-71) which have been added to the amended response to overcome the objections and rejections in the 5/18/07 OA.

Please accept my apologies for the inadvertent errors you will find in the original document.

If you have any thoughts or questions regarding this matter you can always reach me at 757-570-1921 cell. If possible I would like to discuss this application with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

/Guerry L. Grune/

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Response to Office Action Summary

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2007 the period for response having been
extended by 3 months pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a). Applicant respectfully requests
10 consideration of the above identified application based on the following remarks;

Oath/Declaration

As requested, applicants have provided a newly signed Oath and Declaration in compliance
with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number (10/701,801), filed on
15 August 4, 2004.

Drawings

As requested, Figure 1 has been corrected to denote "Prior Art" and is in compliance with 37
CFR 1.121(d) such that it is labeled as a "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37
20 CFR 1.84 c) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures.

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Claims Rejections – 35 USC 112;

On page 10 of the Examiner's Office Action dated 5/18/2007 indicates that "Claim 1 refers to a system comprising a device and necessary materials required for the detection of acrylamide. It is unclear what constitutes necessary materials, and the metes and bounds of the claim cannot be readily determined. Claims 2-21 are rejected as being dependent on Claim 1."

Claims 1-21 have been cancelled and replaced with newly presented claims 60-72. Correspondingly, Claims 60-71, remain dependent on Claim 60 and the intent and language has been clarified to specifically the necessary materials and metes and bounds of the claim.

In addition, Claims 1-42 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-42 have been duly canceled and the term "easily detected" has been eliminated and replaced with the term "detected" in the new corresponding claims 60-71 presented.

Claims 20 and 40 contained trademark/trade name Lumi-Cell. Claims 20 and 40 have been cancelled, thereby removing the objection of the examiner. Newly presented claims 60-72 do not contain any trademarks or tradenames.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 11, 22, 24, 28, and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unacceptable over Nawaz in view of Skouloubris. Claims 1, 3, 8, 11, 22, 24, 28, and 31 have been cancelled. Newly presented claims 60-72 do not include the use of AmiE aliphatic amidase.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 22, 24-26, 28, 32-34, and 42 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unacceptable over Nawaz in view of Khalil. Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 22, 24-26, 28, 32-34, and 42 have been cancelled. Newly presented claims 60-72 do not include the use of ammonia detection or an ammonia sensitive apparatus.

Please cancel previously elected claims 1-42. Claims 43-59 were canceled previously in response to an elected restriction. Please add the following new claims.

Claims listing

Claims 1-59 (Canceled)

Claims 60-71 (New)